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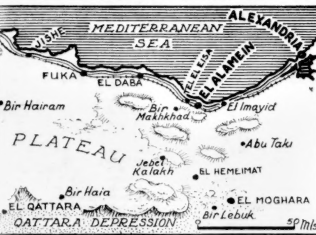
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Vital African Battle Opens: Eighth Army Attacks After Fierce Desert Air Blitz

ROMMEL'S TANKS MASHED IN SEVERAL PLACES

THE BATTLE FOR NORTH AFRICA—THE BATTLE ON WHOSE OUTCOME VITAL STRATEGIC ISSUES DEPEND—HAS BEEN JOINED, AND FIERCE FIGHTING CONTINUES.



Desert Air Blitz RAF STRIKES LIKE A TEMPEST

[Just before the Eighth Army attacked Rommel, RALPH WALLING, Reuter's special correspondent with the Allied Air Striking Force in the Western Desert, cabled to London the following graphic story of the gigantic air operations which preceded the launching of the British offensive.]

BRITAIN'S new vast desert army is looking on at an unforgettable sight. Beneath a bright moon and across the path of the sun it is seeing scores of scores of British and American aircraft of the great air striking force fly over the short 70-mile gap separating the Nile Valley and the El Alamein front and hearing them pound and strafe the enemy near and far.

The power of the combined Allied forces had been gathering during the week like a dark cloud, and now it has fallen like a tempest over the sprawling head and tail of the Axis army north Africa.

Against this onslaught of direct air power the Luftwaffe has been putting up vigorous opposition at first forward over its own territory, and it hasn't shown itself able of killing or relating.

It is two days now since a fighter-bomber raid was attempted against the Allied forward line, and that was a head-on affair beaten off by Army aircraft guns alone.

BASES HAMMERED The Eighth Army has not had to defend a single static attack in the last few days. It is true that the enemy may be saving up his strength for a rainier day, but for the moment at least from the front, the fighter-bomber and fighter bomber are our front line of defense.

His own forward fighter bases are at Daba and Fuka, on the other hand, have been pounded and strafed continuously by day and night since the second day raid on October 20, and are in a sorry condition.

The initial attack a fortnight ago caught the enemy by surprise, and it is now established that the enemy is in a very bad state of mind. That, and the fact that the air force has been keeping the offensive forward on a vigorous basis, are the main reasons for the present air offensive to smashing big proportions even on the onslaught which stopped Rommel just three and a half months ago.

SUBS STOP NAZI SHIPPING New York Saturday. A.B. traffic in the Southern Atlantic, including the ferry service between Sweden and Germany, has been stopped because of the danger of submarine attacks, according to a Stockholm broadcast today.

Two ships and two small vessels bound for Germany were stopped on the coast of the Baltic Sea, and are now in a port on the south coast of Sweden, where they are being held pending developments.

Before the Eighth Army attacked at El Alamein, the British ran opened up, darkening the sky, struck like a tempest at Rommel's bases and supply lines—a blitz in the history of the desert war.

Then, in the full light of the moon, British guns opened up and British tanks roared into battle.

Our Army went into battle with high spirits. Fresh in the minds of officers and men was a glorious message from General Montgomery, G.-C.-G.: "Destroy Rommel and his army," said Montgomery who added: "VICTORY SHOULD BE OURS."

Cairo communiqué, announcing that the offensive had begun, gave no details of the battle. It said that the Eighth Army, with strong support, attacked on Friday night, and that fierce fighting was continuing.

But Andre Glarner, Exchange correspondent with the Eighth Army called: "In perfect moonlight, the British struck at El Alamein, Commander-in-Chief Middle East and Commander of the Eighth Army respectively, started their offensive at 10 o'clock on Friday night when our troops SWEPT THROUGH THE ENEMY'S DEFENCE."

Rested, reinforced and re-equipped, the new Eighth Army struck out fiercely. They had won the rate of supplies and were out to take full advantage of it.

RAF SWEEP THE SKIES Over our tanks and guns and other mechanized units the RAF and Allied air forces swept the skies. Rommel's forward positions and advanced landing grounds were blasted without pause.

They were carrying on the moon and on Friday, when RAF medium bombers and naval aircraft made large-scale attacks on Rommel's desert front line.

Medium bombers hammered Axis concentrations in the Daba area.

Five weather favored their air operations. It also helped the attack on land, for, with a full moon riding the sky, there would be enough light for force fighting.

Describing the great air blitz which preceded the land offensive, the tiny craft were spotted by enemy planes as they sped along the coast in moonlight, and a running fight developed lasting three hours.

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Mrs. Roosevelt, accompanied by the King and Queen, yesterday began a tour through the City at St. Paul's, where she was received on her arrival by the Dean. (See story in Back Page.)

The Navy Helped, Too POCKET WARSHIPS DARING RAID

From JOHN NIXON, Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Eastern Mediterranean Fleet

Alexandria, Saturday. "POCKET WARSHIPS" of the Mediterranean Fleet—high-speed American-built torpedo boats—have carried out a daring raid on the enemy-occupied North African coast near Mersa Matruh and returned safely to their base after a moonlight duel with dive bombers which fiercely attacked them.

The naval force was ordered to attack the coast at two and brought the craft back to its points with the object of causing all possible damage ashore.

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She will only survive if the imperative necessity of this nature is feeling is held by everyone in the empire.

MRS. ROOSEVELT VISITS ST. PAUL'S

When a strong RAF force on Friday bombed Genoa for the second successive night, panic broke out among the population of the Italian city, and many people were killed in a mad scramble to reach the safety of the shelters.

Stalingrad Hits Back GERMANS CAUGHT IN A TRAP

HAROLD KING, Reuter's special correspondent in Moscow, cabling last night, declared that the Germans are caught in a trap at Stalingrad.

"The Germans," he said, "cannot get out of Stalingrad. This is the paradoxical situation after three months of attempted blitz which has cost the enemy hundreds of thousands of lives and thousands of tanks and planes."

"The Germans are not moving forward and they cannot move back. THEY ARE CAUGHT IN A TRAP."

King, in an earlier message, said: "As chilling winds blow across the streets and driving rain turns the ground before Stalingrad into vast seas of slush, the German war machine is inexorably being brought to a halt."

Another week of fighting has brought little advantage to the German panzers and infantry.

They are still bogged at Stalingrad and stuck fast at Moscow, where the Russian Congress is as remote as ever. The Red Army on the Volga and the Terek is retreating now for now.

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Mystery Of '50 RAF Bombers'

MYSTERIOUS reports of an alleged raid by "50 four-engine British bombers" on the railway station at Mont-Cassini, 50 miles west of Vichy in the unoccupied zone, were put out by the Vichy News Agency last night.

Vichy stated that a wave of about 50 British planes flew over the town at about 5 p.m. yesterday.

One of them came down very low and machine-gunned the area of the railway station and a barracks; the report goes on to say that the planes were shot down.

An air raid alert was sounded and the populace took refuge in shelters.

"Several casualties were reported including railwaymen who were slightly wounded on locomotives by machine-gun bullets."

Several houses near the railway goods yards were hit by bombs. The report goes on to say that the planes were shot down.

This was the first daylight attack on Vichy since the armistice.

Heroes Died As Spies

FIVE Vichy, Saturday. Italian Army agents in the Italian Army have been executed for spying in occupied Yugoslavia, says a Reuters dispatch.

Five others received prison sentences ranging from a life term to several years.—Reuter.

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Hitler's Worst Moments

THE Nazis have no illusions about the practical difficulties facing them. . . . Since 1940 no single Nazi plan has won them a decision or weakened the resolution of their opponents. That is what is giving Hitler his worst moments today.

NAZIS MAY RETIRE TO THE WILDERNESSES OF THE EAST

BY OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

TODAY Hitler's punch-drunk panzer divisions, mauled and demoralized, can hardly do more than stagger aside deep through the autumn mud outside Stalingrad. Next week, if they are not skillfully extricated, it may be too late to escape eventual extinction in the Russian winter. The first hurries of snow have already whisked about the city.

No longer is the capture of Stalingrad the first concern of the Nazi High Command. Their staff realists, I am told, do not try to pretend that they have not suffered their greatest defeat by the very fact that they failed to take and consolidate their successes in this key point mere weeks ago.

Even the fact that Hitler's personal prestige may suffer a severe blow with his withdrawal from the home front—secondary to the need to disentangle his shattered and battered survivors of the Reichswest legions from the German shambles and get them away to some sort of shelter and safety for the winter.

I can state that the Nazi High Command are at their wit's end and the solution to the problem. Should they fail, they face the prospect of losing control of the initiative they are striving desperately to keep. They will be held there by the air of the United Nations, and German troops of winning out balance on a "hedgehog" defense strategy may be crushed.

NEW NERVE WAR
As far as I can ascertain the Nazi High Command is to be tackled by the high command in three stages. (1) Retirement to a safe zone, sacrificing a certain proportion of good quality soldiers. (2) Retirement to a safe zone, sacrificing a certain proportion of good quality soldiers. (3) Retirement to a safe zone, sacrificing a certain proportion of good quality soldiers.

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